

Trans-Lux Theatre
14th Street, between H Street
and New York Avenue, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Trans-Lux Theatre			HABS NO. DC-393
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 14 th Street, between H Street and New York Avenue, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1936		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Thomas W. Lamb	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Prior to demolition, was one of Washington's most impressive Art Deco buildings. Originally designed to show shorts and newsreels. Also, one of Washington's first air conditioned public buildings. Name "Trans-Lux" derives from brand name for rear screen projection process.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Art Deco			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Faced with stone			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Block long; built on grade, being 2 stories at H St. facade and 3 stories at New York Ave.; 75' triangular tower of etched glass on 14th Street facade			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Large aluminum marquee at 14th Street entrance; rounded corners; continuous bank of windows on second story; etched glass of tower, through which colored lights were originally projected			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) 600 seat auditorium; painted murals of sports scenes by New York artist Andres Hudiakoff; blue leather seats			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Demolished 1975.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Goode, James M. <u>Capital Losses</u> . 1979.			
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